

To whom it may concern, I would be highly disappointed if Congress stopped XM from broadcasting localized news, traffic, and weather. Yesterday evening as I sat in a multimile back up on interstate 95 (NB) near 495, NO local AM or FM station made any mention as to what was the cause. HOwever, XM I was able to find out rather quickly that there was an accident just ahead, and how I could avoid staying in the back up. WItH out this service I would have been made it sit and wait for a much longer time.

In addition to this most recent event, I view the use of XM with local programming no differently that my Direct TV with local programming, it is my choice to listen and consume what ever information and entertainment I choice. If I want to pay a small fee each month it is my choice, I don't think I should have to suffer through the same 40 to 50 songs on the same 30 to 40 radio stations each day. By having the selection of programing provided by XM, I can hear anything at anytime. This is truly the untillmate freedom. IF I want my freedom to have some localized programming included then I should be allowed that choice. The Traffic and weather updates provided by XM are more indepth and allow for more infromation than any AM or FM channel will ever have, because XM's channels are dedicated only to traffic and weather, not how many commericals they can squeeze in. That is why I pay what I pay, and that is why i do not want to loose the best thing on the market today. !